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RE: DOCKET NO. 98N-1265

To the FDA:

I send this letter as a consumer of health care services to register my concern and disapproval of the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999.

In its present form, the MOU, as well as the Compounding Section 503A of the Modernaztion Act, severely restricts the rights of the physicians and patients to obtain healthcare products from the provider of their choice. It also infringes on the rights of compounding pharmacists to serve the publics medical needs. As a healthcare consumer there should be no restrictions to the delivery of compounded medication prescribed for me, regardless of where I live or travel. The MOU must be amended!!!

The FDA is an agency of the U.S.Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for consumer safety. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY ISSUE!! As a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people. Once again, the MOU must be amended!!

Comments:
I personally very strongly urge you to make the amendments to the MOU recommended in this letter. With the cooperation of my doctor, I have used compounded pharmaceuticals for a couple years. I have had adverse reactions to the patented drugs that were presscribed for me. The compounded drugs have proven to be much more effective and tolerable for me. It took a great deal of time and effort on my part with the help of my physician to find medications that were satisfactory for me. I have had to order these compounded drugs from out of state. If the MOU is Significanted as it now reads, it would be a problem for me and my Please, make the amendments suggested so that I can State of Residence receive the medications that I need and can tolerate.

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